taking place; and

(c) the steps taken to stop smuggling of drugs from Pakistan to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Drug trafficking is a clandestine activity, and therefore it cannot be said definitely whether smuggling of drugs between Pakistan and India is increasing or otherwise. However, the seizure of heroin of golden crescent origin has increased from 220 kg in 1993 to 369 Kg in 1994 and 357 Kg in 1995 (up to October), By virtue of proximity to Golden Crescent region, all the States along the Indo-Pak border area are vulnerable to smuggling of drugs.

(c) Instructions have been issue to all the enforcement agencies to maintain the utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in NDPS Act. Training is being imparted to officers to improve their effectiveness. Vehicles and communication equipments have been provided. A part of Indo-Pak border has been fenced. BSF and Coast Guards, who are deployed on land and coastal borders have been vested with the powers under the Customs Act to interdict narcotic drugs on the Border in addition to the Central and State Government enforcement agencies empowered under the NDPS Act.

## दूदर्शन प्रसारण नेटवर्क के अन्तर्गत न आने वाले क्षेत्र

840. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कौन-कौन से राज्यों के कौन-कौन से क्षेत्र दूरदर्शन प्रसारण नेटवर्क के अन्तर्गत नहीं आते;

(ख) क्या उपरोक्त राज्यों के और अधिक क्षेत्रों की दूरदर्शन के प्रसारण नेटवर्क के अन्तर्गत लाने के संबंध में सरकार को कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये गये है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

**सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी0एम0 सईद)** : (क) और (ख) हालांकि उपयुक्त डिश एण्टीना प्रणाली की सहायता से दूरदर्शन की उपग्रह प्रदत्त सेवा समग्र देश में उपलब्ध है तथापि, देश के सभी जिलों में सम्पुर्णत: अथवा अंशत: स्थलीय ट्रान्समिशन भी उपलब्ध है जो देश के अनुमानित 68.4% क्षेत्र को कवर करता है।

(ग) अब तक कवर न हुए क्षेत्रों में स्थलीय सेवा का और विस्तार करने की दृष्टि से आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक देश में विभिन्न शक्तियों के 505 टी.वी. ट्रांसमीटर वर्तमान में कार्यान्वयनाधीन है/स्थापित किए जाने का विचार है जो इस उद्देश्य के लिए अपेक्षित संसाधनों और अन्य आधारभूत सुविधाओं की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा। इन परियोजनाओं के शुरू होने पर देश के अनुमानित 83.2% क्षेत्र को स्थलीय टी.वी. सेवा उपलब्ध होने का अनुमान है।

## Reviewing the arrival of Foreign Tourists

841. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whetheT Government have made any review on the arrival of foreign tourists in the country during the year 1994-95 and also 1995-96 so far;

(b) if so, the region-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to boost tourism in the country in order to attract increasing number of foreign tourists in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Review of foreign tourist arrivals is an on-going process and the region-wise arrivals during 1994-95 and from April to

August 1995-96 are as given below:—

| | Region | Tourist Arrivals | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1994-95 (April-March) | 1995-96 (April-August) |
| 1. | North America | 246552 | 84443 |
| 2. | Central & South America | 12345 | 5743 |
| 3. | Western Europe | 656963 | 233665 |
| 4. | Eastern Europe | 61329 | 17984 |
| 5. | Africa | 68599 | 32567 |
| 6. | West Asia | 114035 | 53857 |
| 7. | South Asia | 497524 | 199789 |
| 8. | South East Asia | 114679 | 47498 |
| 9. | East Asia | 90245 | 39232 |
| 10. | Australasia | 44355 | 14019 |
| 11. | Stateless | 694 | 323 |
| | TOTAL | 1907320 | 729120 |

(c) The steps taken by the Government to boost tourism in the country include improvement of infrastructural facilities, overseas publicity and promotion and human resources Development.

**Probe by Northern Region Electricity Board**

842. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Region Electricity Board has ordered a probe into the power break-down on the night of 10th October, 1995;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary investigations have been made;

(c) if so, the reasons of the break-down of power pluging many parts of the country into darkness; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to avoid recurrence of such faults in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) There was a major grid disturbance in the Northern Region on the night of 10th October, 1995' affecting supply to the whole of U.P. and Rajasthan and partially in Delhi.

The grid disturbance in Northern Region which occurred on 10th Oct., 1995 at 22—54 hrs. was triggered due to a fault at Dadri sub-station of NTPC which has a cascading effect on the various power stations in the Northern Region particularly in U.P. and Rajasthan.

A Committee constituted under Chairmanship of a Chief Engineer, CEA with representatives from NTPC, POWERGRID, UPSEB & NREB has suggested several remedial measures to avoid recurrence of such incidents. The concerned organisations/SEBs are bieng pursued to implement the suggestions made.